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BOX PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Re:

Application of Zeev SMILANSKY, Sagie TSADKA, Zvi LAPIDOT and

Rivi SHERMAN

A PIXEL BASED MACHINE FOR PATTERENED WAFERS

Assignee: APPLIED MATERIALS, INC

Divisional of U.S. Application 09/110,870

Our Ref: Q67625

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Divisional Application of pending prior Application No 09/110,870 (Confirmation No. Not Assigned) filed July 7, 1998 of Zeev SMILANSKY, Sagie TSADKA, Zvi LAPIDOT and Rivi SHERMAN entitled A PIXEL BASED MACHINE FOR PATTERNED WAFERS.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, 13 sheets of drawings, and a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application. Also enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement and a PTO Form 1449 listing references cited by applicant and/or the examiner during prosecution of the parent application.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 2623.

Cantel claims 8-14 and 16-25.

Please insert the following sentence as the first sentence in the specification: -- This is a divisional of Application No. 09/110,870 filed July 7, 1998, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.--

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims $\frac{8}{3} - 20 = \frac{0}{0} \times \$18.00 = \frac{\$.00}{100}$ Independent claims $\frac{8}{3} - 3 = \frac{0}{0} \times \$84.00 = \frac{\$.00}{100}$ Base Fee: \$740.00

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A check for the statutory fee of \$740.00 is attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and any petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted, SUGHRUE MION, PLLC Attorneys for Applicant

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